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ABSTRACT

These two newsletter issues communicate activities of the newly formed Child Rights Information Network (CRIN) and report on emerging information resources and activities concerning children and child rights. The January 1996 issue describes the history of CRIN, provides updates on the activities of projects linked to CRIN, and summarizes discussion at the October 1995 meeting of the Facilitating Group (the group of organizations overseeing the development of CRIN). In addition, this issue reviews four children's rights newsletters, announces new information resources (Children's House on the Internet and Radda Barnen's Child Soldiers database), and features profiles of the following CRIN members and their activities: (1) Arab Resource Collection (Sherene Seikaly); (2) Child Workers in Asia (Taneeya Runcharoen); (3) Defence for Children International; and (4) Radda Barnen (Karin Rydberg). Also included is a questionnaire for organizations for inclusion in the CRIN database. The July 1996 issue provides updates on CRIN's activities, especially expansion into southern nations; the Internet project; and the organization's database. The activities of Children's House in Cyberspace, Childnet International, and SOS Torture are also described. Additionally, this issue describes a proposal for a new convention on child labor, presents information on upcoming meetings, and profiles the following CRIN members: (1) AMAL, Friends of Children Society, Sudan; (2) Concerned for Working Children, India; (3) Foundation for the Protection of Infancy Damaged by States of Emergency (PIDEE), Chile; and (4) Save the Children, UK. (KB)

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Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of CRIN's newsletter. The newsletter will communicate the activities of this newly formed network and draw your attention to information activities and resources concerning children and child rights. We hope that the newsletter will help bring organisations together and stimulate collaboration and cooperation in terms of information exchange. This issue includes a number of contributions from participants of CRIN. We hope that future issues will include many more, so that it really becomes a newsletter created by and for its members.

We want this newsletter to be a working tool for the network. So we will not be covering the substantive issues around children and child rights, as these are covered by many other newsletters and journals (see Newsletter Reviews page 23). Instead the newsletter seeks to act as a signpost to exciting and emerging information resources.

As this is the first issue it is fairly rough and ready in its style, format and content. It is also very long as we are introducing you to CRIN and have a lot of information to share. Future issues will be much shorter.

We would welcome your comments on different items and articles and ideas for future issues, so that we can develop this newsletter to meet your needs and support you in your work on children's rights.

We have been working hard to start up this network. This newsletter is one of our first projects to be launched. Over the coming months we hope to be launching more projects and collaborating with more organisations. We certainly hope that this newsletter will stimulate you to become active members.

We have provided a history of CRIN and its aims and objectives. We have also included updates on the projects linked to CRIN and a summary of the discussions at the October 1995 meeting of the Facilitating Group (the current group of organisations which oversees the development of the network).

CRIN's organisations questionnaire features in the centre pages. We would be very grateful if you could complete and return this questionnaire to the Coordinator to guarantee your entry into CRIN's organisations database.

In each issue, we will feature brief profiles of network members covering their aims and programmes, their information resources and how others can access them. This issue features the Arab Resource Collective, Child Workers in Asia, Defence for Children International and Rädda Barnen.

In each issue we will also try to direct you to information resources of one kind or another. In this issue there are reviews of four child rights newsletters and announcements of two new information resources - Childwatch's "Children's House on the Internet" and Rädda Barnen's Child Soldiers' database.

A membership form is provided on the last page of the newsletter for you to complete and return to the Coordinator. At this time we are not requesting a fee. As CRIN becomes more established and begins to offer a wider range of services we may introduce a membership fee.

Kind regards

Becky Purbrick
Coordinator of CRIN and the Facilitating Group

The Facilitating Group includes:

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The History of CRIN

For those readers who are not familiar with the Child Rights Information Network, this article provides a history of meetings and activities which led to the meeting in July 1995 "Establishing a Child Rights Information Network" and the creation of CRIN.

Geneva

The idea of setting up a Child Rights Information Network really began in November 1992. Defence for Children International (DCI), with the support of Rädda Barnen and UNICEF convened a workshop on "NGOs Information Systems on Children's Rights". The impetus for this meeting came from the first session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in 1991. It was recognised that a great deal of background information would be needed to support effective and meaningful examinations of State Party Reports. At the same time, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) concerned with monitoring the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) realised that they also needed effective ways of gathering information on children's rights to support the work of the Committee and national level activities. It was also recognised that no single organisation could provide reliable and timely information on every aspect of children's rights. It was clear that collaboration of some sort would be necessary.

The meeting in Geneva was a step towards improved NGO cooperation with regard to information. The meeting aimed to map out what information NGOs were already gathering and producing; to identify the gaps in information relating to the CRC; and to seek ways of filling those gaps.

NGO Survey

A proposal to survey NGOs with information on child rights was supported and Human Rights Internet (HRI) was commissioned to undertake this task. Other proposals included a survey of academic institutions researching into child rights and the compilation of a child rights glossary and thesaurus.

Collaboration

A number of consultative meetings took place in 1993 to move the idea of a network forward. UNICEF sponsored a planning meeting in Florence in March, attended by both Inter-governmental organisations (IGOs) such as the ILO and regional child rights NGOs such as ANPPCAN. The organisations present supported the idea of establishing a collaborative mechanism for handling child rights information and the development of international tools for information exchange. In October 1993, the Committee on the Rights of the Child requested UNICEF to convene a "Consultative meeting on Information Systems for Children's Rights". By that time preparations were under way to survey NGOs and academic institutions and to develop a glossary. The Committee emphasized that in addition to country-specific information it needed thematic information. The Committee also stressed that there was a lack of good information on children above the age of five, particularly in terms of their civil and political rights.

The Committee concluded that "there is a need for good networking between the partners in the work for the rights of the child: UN, UN agencies and bodies, international and local NGOs, institutes and research centres"

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Facilitating Group

In 1994, the leading organisations - DCI, Rädda Barnen and UNICEF - became known as the "Facilitating Group". Its membership expanded to include: the International Children's Centre (ICC), the International Save the Children Alliance (ISCA), Save the Children (SCF) UK, HRI and the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The group decided to appoint a coordinator to undertake further research into who might want to be part of the network, how a network would be structured and its activities. The coordinator was also assigned to organise a meeting of international, regional and national organisations to explore the feasibility and usefulness of setting up a network.

The purpose of the network:

- ***To support and promote the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on national and international levels***
- ***To contribute to satisfying the varied information needs of child rights organisations working at the grassroots, national, regional and international levels***
- ***To support child rights organisations in their endeavours to develop effective information systems and methods of information exchange, using both electronic and non-electronic and networking tools.***

The Coordinator

In January 1995, the coordinator was appointed and based at SCF.

Setting up a Child Rights Information Network with a global remit, covering all aspects of the CRC and meeting the needs of all child rights and child focused organisations is an enormous task. For this reason a project-orientated approach was adopted. Projects were seen as the network's building blocks. Each project would be discrete but also interlinked with others to contribute to better information exchange. Despite its focus on projects, it was felt that the strength of the network would ultimately depend on the contributions and activities of its members.

To prepare for the international meeting, a small survey of 233 child rights organisations was undertaken to build up a picture of the information needs of the child rights community. Eight project proposals and a structure for the network were drafted for discussion at the meeting.

The Paris Meeting

The 3 day meeting "Establishing a Child Rights Information Network" was held in July 1995 at the International Children's Centre in Paris. It brought together over 50 organisations from all over the world. National, regional and international organisations were represented as well as academic institutions and UN agencies. To ensure the discussions were sensitive to the wide range of needs of the child rights community, organisations without the current capacity to handle and exchange information were invited as well as organisations which have developed information handling tools.

The cost of the meeting was covered by those organisations which could afford a registration fee and financial assistance from the following organisations: Bernard Van Leer Foundation, the French National Committee for UNICEF, Human Rights Internet, International Children's Centre, Ministere des Affaires Etrangéres, (France), Rädda Barnen, Red Barnet, Save the Children (UK), UNICEF (Geneva).

The meeting was hailed as a success, the participants strongly supported the idea of setting up a network and the development of five of the eight proposed projects. The participants wanted the

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network to be non-bureaucratic, informal, open and flexible to facilitate the exchange of information in a creative way. The Facilitating Group were very keen to convey to the participants that this network would only be useful if organisations contributed concretely to its development and its activities. But it was also recognised that needs do vary and the network must develop in such a way as to be able to meet different demands. Since the meeting in Paris, the coordinator has concentrated on carrying out the decisions and recommendations as described below.

Developing the management and character of the network

The Facilitating Group and its coordinator were mandated to develop the role of the Facilitating Group, explore ways of extending the membership of the Facilitating Group to ensure equal representation from the South and to develop the profile of the whole membership of the network (see pages 27, 29 & 30 for progress to date).

Development of the five project proposals

The participants recommended continued development of the following projects:

- the network's organisations and resource persons database (see page 14);
- the network's newsletter;
- the full text database on children's rights information (a joint project between the Centre for Human Rights and UNICEF in Geneva) (see page 24);
- research into the Internet and child rights organisations (see page 25); and
- training on handling child rights information (see page 25).

Becky Purbrick, CRIN Coordinator

"We must take action to make it (CRIN) work, to use it, to contribute to it, to provide the energy to make it happen. ..... we represent a wide range of different organisations, from many different countries. To expect us all to share and value the same things is unrealistic. The issues raised such as electronic versus non-electronic communication, the disparities between Northern and Southern organisations are importnat and are part of a positive process of deciding what is relevant for different organisations, doing different things at different times"

Extracted from the concluding comments of the Paris meeting.

Available reports:
"NGO Information Systems on Children's Rights, Geneva 26-28 Novemer 1992"
"Consultative Meeting on Information Systems for Children's Rights, Geneva 9 October 1992"
"Revised progress report of activities connected to the development of a network and information system related to children's rights, 28 November 1994"
"Establishing a Child Rights Information Network, report of the proceedings of an interanational meeting at the International Children's Centre, Paris, 3 - 5 July 1995"

The Meeting in Paris

The meeting in Paris was attended by over 50 organisations worldwide. Below are two individual accounts from Asia and Africa.

An Indian Perspective

Children's issues traditionally have been treated as soft subjects - primarily seen and discussed in the limited context of welfare. The CRC has given us the tool and framework to widen the sphere in which we discuss children and to measure the status of children in any given society.

Within this context the meeting held in July last year was important and relevant. At the outset, the objectives of the meeting were presented and discussed. It was an open forum wherein we decided how we could best utilise the 3 days in coming to an agreement on a) if we want to have CRIN, b) what kind of forum/network do we want, c) An immediate Plan of Action, d) written commitments by the participants on their contribution to building CRIN by way of financial support, access to databases, training and networking. I thought the "written commitment" strategy was excellent as it really pinned you down to developing and sustaining the network. As you can see I have been pinned down to write this short piece. Personally, I think what was really heartening about the meeting was that it allowed participants to set the agenda. We decided what shape CRIN should take, the process it could follow in building it up so that NGOs in the South take part in determining the objectives of CRIN and its future role. Everyone was conscious that it should not be donor driven but rather reflect the needs of the members. Although the participants varied in terms of infrastructual capabilities and capacities, there was an underlying sensitivity in trying to get everybody on board. Some of us have yet to get on to the Internet or World Wide Web to access databases, however this did not diminish the importance of having such a network.

Information on children and especially on specific areas of interest is difficult to access and organisations spend precious time and resources gathering data from scratch which might exist elsewhere. Through CRIN NGOs could network in not only sharing information but also strategies in solving problems or mobilising public opinion on a particular issue.

For CRIN to be a vibrant and relevant network it goes without saying that all of us will have to do our bit. What shape CRIN will take and what it will become tomorrow depends on us and our continuing commitment to its objectives.

Rita Panicker, Butterflies, India

A call for help!

Creating ways and means by which the North and South can communicate and exchange information equitably and effectively is both difficult and challenging. Ideas on how CRIN can facilating this development are always welcome, so please feel free to share your ideas and proposals with the Coordinator or other CRIN members.

Paris Meeting

Views from Zimbabwe

My first impression of the participants at the Paris Meeting were their divergent backgrounds and varied outward appearances. An interesting sight to the locals in the rush hour traffic as we walked to and from the venue! Yet we all shared common concerns regarding children's rights, information and children's welfare.

Before the end of the day however, I became even more convinced than I had been while reading the Background Paper, that a country like Zimbabwe would relate differently to CRIN in comparison with northern-based organisations. The concerns of others in my discussion group (almost all northern-based) were different from mine and whereas they sought to EXCHANGE information, we still want to CAPTURE it. The exhibition of the various data-bases was impressive, fascinating and even useful! (I like the idea of entering a 'Children's House'). But, at the same time, all this seemed remote from our situation. Through the course of the first evening in face-to-face communications, the second day and particularly on the third and final day, the meeting was crowned by the recognition and acceptance by the participants of the uneven ground on which, as potential members, we stood. As African participants in particular and Southern in general, without support and the strengthening of our organisational capacities it is difficult to participate fully and equally in an international network. It is my view that while we lag behind technologically and continue to seek support, we remain unequal partners. But what is the best way forward?

For the African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) in Zimbabwe, one way forward would be the appointment of someone whose daily work is committed to ANPPCAN's activities. (For 9 years it has run on the voluntary activities of Committee Members). However, as a local NGO we lack the financial resources to engage such a person and even writing proposals to engage such a person demands our time. Save the Children (UK) in Zimbabwe have offered us desk space about six months ago, but we are yet to find someone to occupy the desk.

My account of the Paris Meeting would be incomplete if I did not thank the organisers for the opportunity to attend, the simultaneous translators, the boat trip on the Seine, the experience of 'Les ancestres les Gaules' and times I will always remember.

Sally Nyandiya-Bundy, ANPPCAN, Zimbabwe.

At the meeting the African participants presented a joint statement on the need for capacity building in the South:

"The group from Africa wishes to emphasize the critical importance of providing it with support and resources for capacity building so that Africa can participate fully and equally in an international network"

The Child Rights Information Network and UNESCO

The following activities characterise UNESCO's child rights work in recent years and represent areas where support from CRIN members would be welcomed.

1. Monitoring the implementation of the CRC.
The Committee on the Rights of the Child has requested UNESCO to participate actively in the Pre-Sessional Working Group in Geneva. With others, UNESCO examines thoroughly the States Party Reports and provides information concerning the educational, cultural and information situations of children. In this exercise, UNESCO is currently preparing a checklist for the CRC in Education, Culture and Communications to help monitor the Convention and address the questions under the following topics:

- General situation of public education
- Access to education
- Quality of education
- Cultural and leisure activities for children
- Communication and information

CRIN members could help UNESCO with information and data to complement the information received from government sources. In particular, answers to questions concerning Quality in Education would be appreciated:

- Is there any ongoing training of teachers, head teachers and administrators?
- Is the actual learning achievement of children adequately and continuously monitored?
- Is the core curriculum relevant and of high quality?
- Is there an integration of lifeskills, ethical and social principles across school curricula and in particular, education on child rights?

2. Education for the Convention.
Within the framework of the UN Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004), UNESCO is planning training modules for teachers and professionals working with children, support for the publication of teacher manuals and children's versions of the Convention, and distance education programmes for UNESCO National Commissions, UNESCO Clubs and teacher unions.

CRIN members could help UNESCO in identifying potential institutions where training modules and materials could be generated and where projects should be prepared and implemented.

3. Achieving Education For All.
In many countries, children are readily exploited because their rights remain unknown. Education For All programmes actively work to remove discrimination against girls, to support and educate children with disabilities, street children, children in emergencies or armed conflicts and children with AIDS.

Educating children remains UNESCO's central task and we invite CRIN members to support and assist our efforts to encourage Ministries of Education to integrate lifeskills, ethical and social principles across school curricula and in particular, to include education on children's rights in school programmes.

Bernard Combes, UNESCO, the Young Child and the Environment Project

Available resources:

The Convention on the Rights of the Child. UNESCO's Contribution.

Directory of UNESCO databases

Directory of UNESCO information Services

For copies please contact:

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Profiles of CRIN Members

In each issue we will profile CRIN members, so that we can begin to get to know each others aims, objectives, programmes and information resources.

Arab Resource Collective

The Arab Resource Collective (ARC) is a regional non-profit organisation working in Arab countries, with offices in Lebanon and Cyprus and representation in the UK.

ARC was established in 1988 following a regional workshop in Cyprus on the rewriting of the Arabic version of David Werner's manual "Where there is no Doctor". Participants from 7 Arab countries agreed that there was a need for effective networking and the development of appropriate educational and training materials for health workers in the Arab world.

ARC's immediate objectives were:
- to produce and disseminate relevant knowledge through written and audio visual materials;
- to develop skills in the production and use of resources; and
- to promote networking among organisations and workers at the grass-roots level.

ARC's programme has expanded from its original focus on primary health care to include the following areas:
- disability;
- essential drugs and rational use of drugs;
- early childhood care and development;
- children's rights;
- children in difficult circumstances; and
- community based learning and communication.

The children's rights programme

The children's rights programme began in 1995 and was born out of a regional workshop *"Rights of the Child in the Arab World: Realities, needs, and challenges."* supported by Rädda Barnen. The workshop focused on two main issues:
- the CRC its main aspects, how it works, and the role of NGOs; and
- an Arab reading of the CRC.

The children's rights programme was further developed in a consultative meeting in 1995 and focused on:
- supporting the development of an indigenous discourse on the concept of rights in the region that is culturally and socially relevant;
- serving as a basis for NGO networking in the Arab region who take an interest in children's rights;
- assisting in storing, disseminating and developing resources and data on children's rights; and
- coordinating with national networks, coalitions and individual NGOs to assist in finding relevant information, contacts and resources to facilitate their work at national and local levels.

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ARC can provide information, resources, and contacts on NGO child rights activities in the Arab region. ARC produces a quarterly newsletter on children's rights in Arabic with a short English version.

One of ARC's main goals is to develop a documentation centre and is in the process of establishing a centre in Beirut, which will serve as a home of ARC's database, the newsletter and other resources.

Sherene Seikaly, ARC

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Child Workers in Asia

Child Workers in Asia Support Group (CWA) was established in June 1985 as a regional network of NGOs and individuals involved in issues relating to child labour in Asia - Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand.

CWA aims to promote cooperation and coordination at a regional level so that NGOs can share their experiences, ideas, resources and information as well as the problems and limitations they encounter. CWA seeks to support the development of strategies for working children so that their voices are heard and their rights recognised.

CWA's objectives are:

- to promote the rights of working children at local, national and regional levels within the context of the CRC and the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) Conventions relating to child labour;
- to create awareness and influence public opinion regarding child labour exploitation;
- to provide a channel of communication and to facilitate the sharing of information, materials, experiences and resources among people who are involved in child labour issues;
- to coordinate action among NGOs in the region;
- to assist and facilitate the formation of support groups for child workers at the country level; and
- to seek new ways for the protection of child workers, and the prevention of child labour exploitation.

CWA's Resource Centre

CWA's resource centre provides research and documentation relating to the situation of working children. It produces *Child Workers in Asia*, a quarterly bulletin providing information on the situation of working children in various countries, recent developments, action programmes, a platform for the discussion of ideas, inspiration and hopes and stories of child workers themselves. The Centre has compiled a directory of NGOs involved in child labour issues in Asia. A funding book "Funding work with working children" has also been published. Data and information services are being organised and upgraded to serve CWA's network, the media and individuals involved in efforts to alleviate the problems facing working children. The Centre also aims to provide technical support and human resources to its network and other agencies.

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Plans for the future include:

- organising the library for public access;
- disseminating information on the Internet and initiating other multi-media communcation possibilities such as CD ROM
- providing technical support and training to other organisations to improve their information materials, organisational and communication capabilities;
- identifying material and human resources existing in the region;
- documenting country profiles of child labour, compiling statistics and information available from within the CWA network and making them more accessible; and
- publishing a book on successful work experiences from around the region, as well as model programmes which can support the work of existing and new NGOs.

Taneeya Runcharoen, CWA

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Defence for Children International

DCI is an independent NGO set up during the International Year of the Child (1979) to ensure on-going and practical international action towards promoting and protecting the rights of the child. DCI aims:

- to foster awarenes and solidarity on children's rights situations, issues and initiatives throughout the world; and
- to seek, promote and implement the most effective means of securing the protection of the rights from both a preventive and curative standpoint.

To achieve these aims, DCI's methods include:

- regular and ad hoc publishing on all aspects of children's rights;
- taking up specific cases of violations of children's rights;
- undertaking action-oriented investigations, alone or jointly, on serious global problems which are found to be inadequately documented eg the sexual exploitation of children, children in prison etc;
- taking direct action in response to situations involving the violation of rights of specific groups of children;
- monitoring and evaluating the practical implementation of children's rights;
- working for improved international standards in the children's rights sphere; and
- stimulating co-operation and action, nationally, regionally and internationally, to improve responses to children's rights problems.

DCI is an international movement which has membership of both individuals and organisations involved with or supporting its work in over 60 countries in all continents. There are national sections in 50 countries, and subscribers, correspondents and information exchange agreements in many more. It has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, UNICEF, UNESCO and the Council of Europe.

DCI's Documentation Centre

The Centre is a unique documentation resource that serves as a central collecting point for information published worldwide on children's righs issues. Since its inception in 1987, the collection has grown to 10,000 indexed items. The types of material collected and stored in the Centre include articles, studies and reports from journals and serial publications, monographs, magazines, organisational newsletters, newspaper clippings, official documents (from the UN and individual governments) and books.

The collection includes materials from a broad range of professional associations, NGOs, governement agencies, the specialised UN agencies such as UNICEF, as well as the press. Copies of the thesaurus of key words used to classifying material is available on request.

The Centre is open to the public, please contact Ms Camile Kryspin or Flora Duke.

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Profile

Rädda Barnen

Rädda Barnen's mandate is to implement the CRC and to combine research and advocacy with concrete assistance programmes.

Rädda Barnen is a Swedish NGO striving to enforce the rights of the child in its programmes in Sweden and in approximately 20 other countries around the world. It is a voluntary, democratic organisation with no party-political or religious affiliations, based on voluntary, individual membership.

Rädda Barnen has 110 000 members, over 53 000 sponsors and 200 000 donors and other supporters. Over 250 000 persons account for the majority of the organisation's income together with SIDA and other foundations. In 1994 the income of Rädda Barnen was SEK 327 000 000 (approximately US$ 45 000 000).

Rädda Barnen, as a popular movement, stands on the side of the child and works for the best interests of the child. Its activities focus on children with refugee backgrounds, children in and from areas affected by armed conflicts, all forms of exploited children and children with disabilities. It also stands up for the rights of the child to express his or her own views and the right to be protected from discrimination.

Rädda Barnen is a member of the International Save the Children Alliance (ISCA), a network of 24 Save the Children organisations. ISCA has Consultative Status (Category 1) with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

The Rädda Barnen Library

Rädda Barnen's library focuses on the following areas:

- the rights of the child, the CRC;
- children with refugee and immigrant backgrounds;
- children in armed conflicts and children in displacement;
- child labour and other socially and economically exploited children;
- physically, psychologically and sexually abused children. Children in mourning; and
- children with disabilities

An active development plan has created the conditions to maintain an efficient documentation system. We use CDS/ISIS software for our databases, which hold about 4 000 documents. (It is an in-house system and cannot yet be reached online.) In addition we use a number of external databases to satisfy our organisation's information needs.

The library collection is mainly in Swedish or English. An acquisitions list is published monthly. The database references have keywords in both Swedish and English and can also be searched according to language and geographical definition. CRIN members can contact the library and if requested we will search our databases for the required information and mail or fax the results. If there is a large interest to subscribe to our acquisitions list we might consider producing a list containing only references to publications written in English.

Karin Rydberg, Rädda Barnen

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Child Soldiers
Database and newsletter
a project within Rädda Barnen

In February 1995, Rädda Barnen started a project on the issue of child soldiers. The launch of this initiative coincided with current UN discussions on an Optional Protocol to the CRC that would raise the minimum age of recruitment from 15 to 18 years. With this project we want to achieve the following:

- A collection of information on child soldiers organised in a database
- Increased and more widespread understanding of the issue of child soldiers through circulation of a newsletter. Number one was published in October 1995. The newsletter is also available on Rädda Barnen's homepage: http://childhouse.uio.no/raddabarnen/
- A networking function for the involved organisations and individuals.
- More general actions, encouraged by model appeal letters or similar material in the newsletter.

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There is an obvious research aspect to the project since we collect, check and assess information. Close cooperation with individual NGO workers in the field is necessary and crucial to ensure the supply of newspaper articles, local reports, case studies etc from different parts of the world where children are being used in armed conflict. A network of interested and concerned individuals and organisations is being set up around the project.

To give information, establish contact or sign up for the newsletter mailing list, please contact Anna Lena Andrews.

Children's House
a Childwatch International project

One of the main objectives of Childwatch International is to meet the requirements for world wide communication and coordination among institutions and individuals involved in research for children. Unorganized communication is ineffective and time demanding. Cooperation through networking improves communication, and the opportunities of the Internet represents a revolution for efficient world wide communication, access to enormous amounts of information, and

Lewis Patrick Doyle
Six years old

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Project update and your involvement: CRIN's Organisations Database

Background

One of the first practical steps in setting up a network is to find out who is doing what and where. In 1993, Rädda Barnen and DCI on behalf of the Facilitating Group, commissioned Human Rights Internet to carry out a survey of NGOs which collect, produce and use information on the rights of the child. HRI received 271 responses from this initial survey and created a searchable database. Organisations which expressed an ability and willingness to exchange information and respond to external enquiries were included in a directory.

Paris

At the meeting in Paris, the database and directory were discussed by the participants and the following recommendations were made:

- *the overall coverage of the database needs to be extended;*
- *information on resource persons should be included, although taking consideration of confidentiality of information;*
- *the format of the database needs to be revised; and*
- *non-electronic formats of the database need to be developed and made accessible in languages other than English.*

October meeting of Facilitating Group

At the latest meeting of the Facilitating Group, a new design for the organisations database was discussed and agreed. Lotus Notes was chosen as the new software option and the central management of the database is now under the coordinator of CRIN. These changes have been introduced for ease of use and management of this central tool.

The questionnaire

The new questionnaire for the organisations database is featured in the centre pages of this newsletter (see opposite). Each question relates to a particular field in the organisations database. The questionnaire is divided into three parts:

About your organisation:
general questions about your organisation

Your aims and programmes:
questions about your aims and programmes in relation to children.

About your information resources:
more specific questions about your organisation's information collection

The first and second section can be completed by any organisation involved in child rights, big or small, nationally or internationally-based. The third section is for organisations which have an organised information collection which other organisations and individuals can tap into. Even small collections can be included in this section.

Who should complete the questionnaire?
YOU and YOUR COLLEAGUES

Please complete this questionnaire and return to the Coordinator of CRIN to ensure inclusion in the database.

When should you complete the questionnaire?
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Future Plans

Data gathered from this questionnaire will be combined with the existing data . The database will be made available to you in electronic or paper formats.

Child Rights Information Network: Organisations Questionnaire

(Please write in black and as clearly as possible)

About your organisation

1. Name of organisation: .....

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2. Acronym: ..... 3. Date of establishment: .....

4. Postal address: .....

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Country: .....

5. Telephone (with country and area codes) .....

6. Fax (with country and areas codes) .....

7. Email address: .....

8. Name of director: .....

9. Name of the contact person (s) for CRIN .....

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10. Number of staff ..... 11. Average annual income .....

12. Type of organisation (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Type	National	Regional	International
Non-governmental			
UN/Multilateral			
Grassroots/Community Based Organisation			
Academic			

NB. Regional means group of countries

Your aims and programmes

13. Aims and programmes (please provide a short description of the aims of your organisation, your programmes and their intended impact.) .....

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14. Please list your main areas of work with children eg. primary education, adoption, juvenile justice.

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15. Please indicate your main target audiences or intended beneficiaries of your programmes (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Children (0-4)		Women		Governments		Media	
Children (5-15)		Families		UN Agencies		General public	
Children (16-18)		Communities		NGOs		Commerce	

Other: . . . . . .
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16. Please indicate your geographical focus of work (please tick the appropriate boxes)

North Africa		North America		Western Europe		South Asia	
West Africa		South America		Central and Eastern Europe		South E Asia	
East and Central Africa		Central America		CIS		Central Asia	
Southern Africa		Caribbean		Middle East		Pacific	

Please indicate if you only work in one country, and name that country . . . . . .
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17. Please indicate your main approaches or methods of working (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Approach	Funding	Operational	Partnership
Service provision			
Hands on technical support			
Training and advice services			
Advocacy			
Research and information			

Other . . . . . .
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18. Please list any key research programmes you have undertaken which relate to children. Please indicate the dates of the research:

Title	Author	Date
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19. Please provide brief details of you regular publications eg annual report, newsletter

Title Frequency

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About your information resources or documentation centre

The questions below relate to your information resources. If you do not have an organised information collection you do not need to complete these questions. Please go to question 26.

20. Please provide a brief description of your documentation centre, resource centre, library or information collection. (Please include purpose of your centre, main users, subject and specialist collections, size and services) . . . . . .

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21. Please list the **main** subject areas of your information collection. If you organise your collection according to the **articles in the Convention on the Rights of the Child**, you only need to list the appropriate articles under each broad subject heading. If you do not organise your collection according to these article please use your own classification under the appropriate subject heading.

General principles (articles 2, 3,6, 12. Including: non-discrimination, best interests of the child, right to survival and development, respect for the views of the child) . . . . . .

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Civil rights and freedoms (articles 7, 8, 13, 17, 14, 15,16, 37a. Including: Preservation of identity, freedom of expression, freedom of thought, protection of privacy, protection from torture etc) . . . . . .

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Family environment and alternative care (articles 5, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25 & 27. Including: separation from parents, family reunification, illicit transfer and non-return, parental responsibilities, protection from abuse and neglect, protection of children without families, adoption, etc) . . . . . .

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Basic health and welfare (articles 6, 18, 23, 24, 26 & 27. Including: survival and development, handicapped children, health and health services, social security and standard of living) . . . . . .

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Education, leisure and cultural activities (articles 28, 29 & 31 Including: education, aims of education, leisure, recreation and cultural activities.) . . . . . .

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Special projection measures (articles 22, 37 - 40. Including: refugee children, torture and deprivation, armed conflicts, rehabilitative care, administration of juvenile justice.) .....
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Other .....
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22. What types of documents do you hold in your documentation centre? (Please tick the appropriate boxes)

UN/Multilateral		Legal		Country-specific		Policy-related	
Governmental		Statistical		Global		Press-related	
Academic		Case study		Project-related		Public education	

Other .....

23. What language(s) does your collection include? .....

24. Please provide a brief description of the databases that you have developed eg. bibliographical on child labour, full text on education, projects, newsclippings etc. .....
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25. Are any of your databases available on CD-ROM, on-line or on the internet, if so please provide brief details of how to access them. (eg the Children's House http://childhouse.uio.no/)
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26. Do you give permission for this information to be published in a directory? Yes☐No ☐

27. Is your organisation willing and able to respond to information requests from other organisations? Yes☐No ☐

26. What information services can you provide eg literature searches, accession lists etc?
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26. Completed by ..... Date .....

Please return as soon as possible to the address. Please include any relevant supporting materials and documentation

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moreover a way of distributing and promoting information about children.

However; *Cyberspace* (the electronic space on the Internet) is an open environment, and *surfing* (searching or seeking) for information takes time. The Children's House in Cyberspace is a project aimed to provide a "known" space on the Internet where individuals, institutions, organisations, researchers can go to retrieve and place information about children.

Childwatch is working in collaboration with representatives from UNICEF, UNESCO, Plan International, Save the Children Alliance, Rädda Barnen, The Consultative Group on Early Childhood Care and Development and the World Bank, who are all taking part in the "construction" of the house. Moreover, all professionals are encouraged to contribute with constructive advice during the process.

It is hoped that the project will contribute in following ways:

- An international meeting place on the Internet for information and presentation of the institutions, making it easy for users to find their way through the jungle of information.
- Coordinated and more efficient communication among institutions.
- Improved use of resources within information technology: We won't all have to "invent the wheel".
- Help to individuals and organisations to become familar with the Internet through the inter-active and userfriendly pages of the Children's House.
- A third world profile: Facilitating communication for low budget institutions in developing countries, providing them with accessible information, and offering a channel for information about local conditions.
- Collecting, sorting out, and updating of relevant Internet sites (a site is a place on the Internet which holds information eg a database)
- A place for broadcasting important news and issues about children.
- Opportunity to set up electronic discussion groups.
- A place to find out about different conferences and workshops.

Childwatch International wants to set up a common entrance to the Internet for all institutions, individuals, organisations working with children's issues. This entrance will then provide additional links to all relevant information resources available on the Internet.

The Children's House will be set up like a normal house, with different rooms "holding" different information. Each of the institutions of the House Committee will have monitoring responsibility for a room in the house. The Children's House can also grow! It will always be possible to construct new floors, build another room, refurnish an existing room, or, perhaps, even put up a doll's house in the garden...

If you have any further questions, don't hestiate to contact me!

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If you want to make an announcement in this newsletter about a new information resource, please contact the Coordinator of CRIN.

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Internet Sites

Below are some internet sites (a place on the internet which holds information) which you may find useful. All are accessed through World Wide Web (WWW). You will need a web browser programme (Mosaic or Netscape are very common programmes) on your computer and internet connectivity. If you want further information, please contact the coordinator of CRIN.

Refworld

This is the United Nations High Commision for Refugees Site. The WWW URL or open location is:

http:/www.unicc.org/unhcrcdr/

Refworld contains reliable, authoritative information on refugees including current country information, legal documentation and policy-related documents in full text.

It is also available on CD-ROM.

University of Minnesota Human Rights Library

Its URL is:

http:/www.umn.edu/humanrts

This is a very good resource for human rights material and documentation, including the full text of treaties, optional protocols and conventions. It has a very easy searching capacity for identifying law relating to child.ren.

Childwatch's Children's House

This site is very new and under "construction", see pages 13 & 19. Its URL is;

http:/childhouse.uio.no/childwatch/

You can find information on Childwatch International, Rädda Barnen, Save the Children (UK), UNESCO, UNICEF and Plan International. It also includes a database on research institutes in Europe dealing with children's issues.

Global Childnet

Global Childnet is an electronic information and communications network, offering online information services on issues related to the well-being of children. For further information you can send a request or message via email.

gcnet@unixg.ub.ca

It also has a WWW site and its URL is:

http:/www.gcnet.org/gcnet/

International Red Cross Database

This database is a very valuable source for information on humanitarian law, including 87 treaties and other text, commentaries on the Geneva protocols and other additional protocols.

To visit this database, use the URL:

http:/ww.azstarnet.com/~jjsr

It is also available on CD-ROM.

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Q&A Answers and Questions

Members of CRIN are invited to "send" questions to this newsletter and respond and answer questions from other network members. Some of the responses will be published in following issues of the newsletter. Below are three examples of questions that have already be put to the Coordinator, plesae send in your responses.

Q: Cambodia National Council for Children

The Government of Cambodia has decided to establish a National Council for Children and Swedish SIDA has offered funding. The sponsoring Ministry of Social Affairs are asking for information on other models which have existed in other countries. They need examples demonstrating that "semi-autonomous" bodies can work in a way which is acceptable to Government as well as NGOs and IGOs.

If you have any information about other similar bodies, particularly in Asia, with a mandate to gather information on the situation of children, monitor programmes relating to children and advise on policy etc, which involves Government and outside agencies, please send it as soon as possible.

Field Director of Cambodia, Save the Children (responses to Coordinator of CRIN)

Q: Developing an information strategy

As a major child rights organisation in South Africa we are keen to set up effective mechanisms to monitor the CRC and gather information on the situation of children. I am in the process of developing an information strategy and would be very grateful for some guidance and guidelines

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Q: Child protection services

Save the Children, (Australia) is working in the Solomon Islands and looking at developing child protection services which will initially involve public and professional awareness-raising and support services for abused children. They need relevant resources, organisations and people who could share their experiences particularly from countries that have recently introduced such services.

Save the Children Fund, Australia, PO Box 1149 Honiara, Solomon Islands. Tel +677.23842 Fax +677.25920.

Publications on children's rights

Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Resource Mobilization in Low Income Countries edited by James R Himes, Director International Child Development Centre, UNICEF

This book deals with the obligation of States to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child concentrating on the critical issues of available resources as included in Article 4.

For copies contact: Customer Service Department, Kluwer Law International, PO Box 85889, 2508 CN The Hague, The Netherlands Tel +31.70.308.1560 Fax +31.70.308.1515 Price: US$35.00

A Guide for Non-governmental Organizations Reporting to the Committee on the Rights of the Child produced by the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child

A step by step guide for NGOs preparing an alternative report for the Committee on the Rights of the Child, an outline of the procedures concerning NGO presentations at the pre-sessional meetings, procedures for follow-up action and background to the work of the NGO Group.

For copies: NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, C/O Defence for Children International, PO Box 88, CH 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Tel +41.22.734.0554 Fax +41.22.740.1145

Bibliographies and annotated bibliographies on children's rights compiled by International Child Development Centre, UNICEF

The centre has compiled bibliographies on each of the articles of the CRC from 1 - 44. Annotated bibliographies relating to articles 2, 3 & 12 are also available.

For copies, please contact: ICDC, 12 Piazza SS Annunziata, 50122, Florence, Italy. Tel 00.39.55.234.5258 Fax 00.39.55.244.817 Email. unicef@risc.idg.fi.cnr.it

A Girl's Right to Development, Equity and Peace by International Save the Children Alliance

This booklet was produced for the Beijing World Conference on Women and outlines how the CRC relates to the girl-child and makes girls visible within programmes and advocacy activities.

For more copies: ISCA Secretariat, 59 Chemin Moise Duboule, CH 1209 Geneva, Switzerland, Tel +41.22.788.8180 Fax +41.22.788.8154

The Convention on the Rights of the Child. UNESCO's contribution

This report describes UNESCO's activities concerning the implementation of the CRC, work with the Committee on the Rights of the Child, promotion in schools and universities and programme work.

For copies contact: UNESCO ED/YCF, 7, Place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP. Fax +33.1.44.49.99.18

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Newsletter Reviews

In each issue we will review child rights newsletters. If you would like to write a review of a newsletter, please contact the coordinator of CRIN.

DCI Newsletter

This quarterly publication aims to keep NGOs and inter-governmental agencies updated on work of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, as well as the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on Human Rights, and other UN human rights bodies such the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery; Detention; Optional Protocols etc.

It does not include views or opionions on the actual activities but accounts of the Committee sessions. It is produced in close cooperation with the NGO group for Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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Child Watch, ANPPCAN

Child Watch highlights issues concerning the rights of African children generally, with particular emphasis on child abuse and neglect. Among the issues covered are:
- the impact of armed conflict and civil unrest on children;
- the causes of childhood disabilities;
- the activities of child rights NGOs in Africa;
- activities of individual ANPPCAN chapters, of which there are 13; and
- reports of workshops and conferences.

There have been four issues. The first was dedicated to the sub-regional workshop on conflicts, the second, on child soldiers in Uganda, the third on Ethiopia and the forgotten girls of Addis Ababa and the fourth covered general issues eg teenage pregnancies and child labour in Africa.

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Child Asia Newsletter

This is one of the few newsletters which reports and discusses the situation of children in Asia and the problems they face.

Major issues are covered such as children used in prostitution in Thailand and the feeder areas in China, Japan and Burma, homeless children in Indian cities and Nepal, Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Indian children used in camel races in Gulf countries and, of course, the Convention of the Rights on the Child.

Contributions are from child rights activists and from children themselves through essays, poetry and drawings.

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ChildRight Newsletter

The Children's Legal Centre is an independent national charity concerned with law and policy affecting children and young people in England and Wales.

The Centre publishes a monthly magazine called "ChildRight", a campaigning journal focusing on the promotion of children's rights from a legal perspective. It explains and comments on proposed and implemented legislation affecting children and young people, international conventions and covenants. It covers news and developments, includes articles, briefings, and information sheets and monitors legal and parliamentary developments. It follows international developments, particularly the activities of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the European Parliament and the European Court of Human Rights.

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Project update:
Full Text Database on Children's Rights

In 1994, the Centre for Human Rights and UNICEF, Geneva began work on a computer based system to manage the information and documentation produced in connection with the work of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Since most of the information being processed is textual information eg State Party Reports, NGO reports, Questions asked to the Government, Summary Records, Concluding Observations etc it was agreed that some form of full text database would be required.

A full-text database provides a mechanism by which the entire body of a document can be searched as a single database. The text can either be imported, if it is already in a wordprocessing format or can be scanned in if it is only available in printed format. Any section of the text can then be located and retrieved, using either simple or complex searching techniques eg find all occurrences of the word "girl-child" or find all the occurrences of the word child, children in the same paragraph as abuse or abused.

A database has been designed using Lotus Notes software and is being tested by the Centre for Human Rights. Lotus Notes was chosen because importing data is easy, its communications and data sharing capacities are impressive and it can handle structured and unstructured information.

The database holds information on Committee membership, signatories, reservations, declarations, ratifications, Committee sessions, State Party Reports, NGO reports, Concluding comments etc. However, the database is not yet complete and will not be operational until additional information has been added. About two thirds of the existing data has been scanned into electronic form and transferred to Lotus Notes. This information needs to be verified as scanning of documents can lead to some garbled data. As the database is primarily for the members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the monitoring and information management tasks of the Centre for Human Rights, the database will not be widely accessible until their needs are met.

CRIN is very interested in the development of this database as it would be a key information tool for the network. CRIN is working cooperatively with the Centre and UNICEF in Geneva to consider wider access possibilities.

This database could make a significant contribution in aiding monitoring and analysis of the implementation of the CRC. It will provide easy access to reports of other countries and therefore aid in the exchange of knowledge and experience. It will assist both State Parties and National Coalitions in the compilation of reports by having different examples and models to refer to. It will assist in the analysis and follow up of the Committee's conclusions and recommendations and it will assist lobbying and advocacy on the implementation of the CRC by providing comparative information at a touch of a button. It will also contribute to fulfilling Article 44.6 "States Parties shall make their reports widely available to the public in their own countries".

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Project Update and your involvement: The Internet and Child Rights Organisations

One of the five projects identified as a priority for CRIN is a proposed research project into the use of the Internet by child rights organisations. This research project will cover three areas:

- *investigation of the information available on the Internet relating to child rights;*
- *investigation of how information on child rights can be improved; and*
- *development of management information for child rights organisations wishing to use the Internet and electronic communications.*

To ensure that this project meets the real needs of child rights organisations We are in the process of drawing up more specific terms of reference. A selection of CRIN participants have been asked to submit a list of key questions that they would like to see addressed by this research. You as readers and participants in CRIN are also invited to send your ideas and questions to the Coordinator.

The project will seek to harness the existing experience of organisations participating in CRIN and build up a body of knowledge on the use of the Internet. We would be very grateful for your input on the following:

- *How does your organisation use the Internet, what has been successful and what has not? Please include all the different sites that you use.*
- *Does your organisation "put up" information on the Internet, what has been successful and what has not?*
- *What kind of support do you have in the use of the Internet ?*
- *What areas of the Internet and its use need to be improved?*

This research project is likely to be a collaborative effort among organisations participating in CRIN, either through a taskforce or reference group. If your organisation would like to participate in this venture, please contact the Coordinator of CRIN.

Project Update: Training in information handling for the Rights of the Child

This project is one of the most important undertakings of CRIN as it aims to improve the capacities of organisations to exchange information. Initially concentration will be given to the development of tools for information handling and exchange such as the organisations database and a child rights thesaurus. These may developed into a coherent training package which could be adapted to different working environments.

It is important that this project is collaborative, does not re-invent the wheel but draws on existing resources and activities. For example, the International Child Development Centre is currently developing a child rights thesaurus. This thesaurus will be a useful tool for common indexing, classification and documentation management and may be part of the training package.

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If your organisation is interested in this project, we would be grateful for your input on the following:

- *What are your current and future training needs on handling information on the Rights of the Child?*
- *Have you developed any tools which could be adapted for this project?*
- *How would you like to involved in this project?*

Dimensions of Play 1996, 11th - 16th August 1996, Espoo, Finland

Organised by the International Association for the Child's Right to Play, IPA International and the Mannerheim League for Child Welfare.

For further details, contact:
Ms Lea Salminen, The Mannerheim League for Child Welfare, PO Box 141, 00531 Helsinki, Finland
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11th International Congress: Children and Families: Creating Stability in an Unstable World, 18th - 21st August 1996, University College Dublin, Ireland

Organised by the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN).

For further details please contact:
The Secretariat, ISPCAN 11th International Congress, Clifton House, Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin 2, Ireland.
Tel: +353-1-6613-788

Forthcoming Events, Worshops, & Meetings

Child Domestic Workers: International Meeting of Researchers, organised by Anti Slavery International

This meeting will be held at Charney Manor, Oxfordshire, UK from 22 - 25 January 1995.

For further details, please contact:
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Children and Armed Conflicts Conti. ental Convention, ANPPCAN, July 1996, OAU, Addis Ababa

This conference will be a culmination of a series of regional conferences that have been organised by ANPPCAN's Children and Armed Forces Programme. It will be preceded by a two day children's conference that will be attended by children who have actually suffered consequences of war. The children will share their experiences by making presentations in the form of plays, drama, music and poems. They will use the opportunity to air their views on armed conflicts and make suggestions on how best to assist children caught up in situations of war. Their views will be sought on how such children should be protected, how the life that they lead in refugee camps can be improved and on what they think should be done to resolve current conflicts and avert future ones.

The Ethiopian chapter of ANNPCAN is collaborating with the ANPPCAN Regional Office in Nairobi, Kenya, in preparation for the two conferences.

If you would like to receive more information, please write to;
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The World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, Sweden, August 27 - 31 1996

A Coordinator based at the International Save the Children Alliance, Geneva is organising the NGO contribution to the World Congress. NGO participants will be selected by the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child and ECPAT (End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism). For further information, please contact:

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Committee on the Rights of the Child

11th Session, 8-26 January
Reports to be considered:
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
Croatia
Yemen
Republic of Korea
Iceland
Finland
Mongolia

12th Session, 20 May - 7 June
Reports to be considered:
Lebanon
Cyprus
Guatemala
China
Nepal
Zimbabwe
Slovenia

13th Session, 23 September - 11 October
Reports to be considered:
Nigeria
Mauritius
Morocco
Uruguay
Ethiopia
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If you would like to make an announcement of a forthcoming event, workshop or meeting, please send your details to the coordinator of CRIN

Update from the Facilitating Group

The Facilitating Group meet 2-3 times a year and each issue of this newsletter will keep you up-to-date with their discussions.

In October 1995, the Facilitating Group which oversees the development of CRIN, met in Geneva to discuss: the management of CRIN; funding; CRIN's identity; membership issues; the establishment of national and regional focal points; CRIN's Organisations Database; and UNHCR's full text database. (Updates on the two databases are given on pages 14 & 24)

Management of CRIN

Once again it was reiterated that the activities of CRIN's members and their communication and collaboration with one another would ultimately make the network function effectively. However, the Facilitating Group would be responsible for raising core funding, support to the coordinator and the projects. At the next meeting of this group 2-3 participants from southern organisations will be invited to join the discussions to provide a southern input and to shape the profile of this group in the future.

Funding

At the time of the meeting, commitments of funding had been received from UNICEF, terre des hommes, Rädda Barnen and Save the Children (UK). It was agreed that a funding strategy for 1996/7 needed to be prepared and the funding base should be more diverse.

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CRIN's identity
Several logos for the network have been designed and are reproduced below. The Facilitating Group would welcome your comments and your preference

Regional and national focal points
CRIN will not be appointing regional or national focal points, instead, any member of CRIN can be a network contact for other organisations or individuals. It is hoped that this will promote the "organic and natural" growth of the network.

Membership
How to become a member of CRIN is outlined on page 31 and CRIN's membership form for you to complete is featured on the back page.

Below are some designs for CRIN's logo. Please send the Coordinator comments on your preferred logo by February 15th 1995. The logo will be used for CRIN's stationary and publicity materials.

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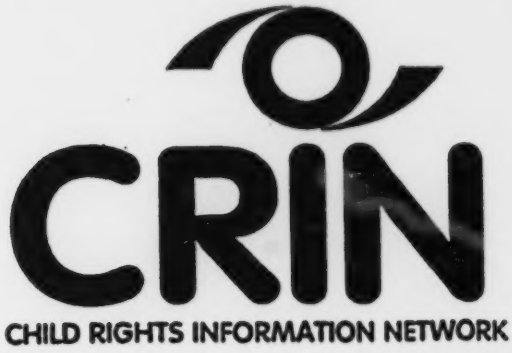

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Activities of CRIN participants

Below are some examples of the activities and commitments being undertaken by participants of the network. If you wish to have the full address of any CRIN participant, please contact the Coordinator.

Arab Resource Collective, Cyprus

ARC have produced a pilot newsletter "Haq-qi: Partners in the realization of children's rights". The back page features CRIN. In November, ARC with Rädda Barnen held a workshop on "Children's Rights In the Arab World" which devoted a session to networking and CRIN. ARC is also keen to be a contact for CRIN in the Arab region.

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Children's Inquiry Trust, South Africa

CHIT has set up an information and resource development unit, which seeks to develop into a comprehensive information storehouse geared toward assisting organisations working with children's rights and the CRC. CHIT produces a newsletter called Recovery to support those working with children who are victims of violence. Although CHIT did not attend the meeting in Paris it sees many areas where CHIT and CRIN can collaborate.

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& Commitments

Concerned for Working Children, India

CWC are keen to be an active contact point in India. CWC is setting up an electronic bulletin board for NGOs in India to disseminate information about CRIN and the CRC.

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Fundacion Rafael Pombo, Colombia

Fundacion Rafael Pombo has convened 2 meetings of institutions in Colombia to discuss CRIN and the establishment of a national network. This group is finalising research into information resources in South America and developing methodologies for gathering and processing information on children in Colombia.

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International Children's Centre, France

ICC run training courses for documentalists in developing countries. As a contribution to the network ICC sponsored DCI Cameroon's information officer to attended the October 1995 training course. DCI Cameroon is now setting up the country's first resource centre on children.

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Rädda Barnen

Rädda Barnen made a substantial financial contribution to CRIN in 1995. Rädda Barnen is collaborating with Childwatch International in the construction of the Children's House and is committed to developing the Internet and Training projects.

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TDH made a financial contribution to the support costs to CRIN in 1995. TDH is also keen to be a contact point for CRIN in Germany.

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ICDC has produced a glossary of terminology relating to the CRC and is developing a thesaurus. It is hoped that these will become key tools for the training project.

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UNICEF Geneva and New York

UNICEF has made a substantial financial contribution to the costs of the coordinator and related project costs. UNICEF Geneva has been working with the Centre for Human Rights to develop the full text database on children's rights.

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Save the Children

Save the Children has hosted the Coordinator since January 1995, contributed financially to the meeting in Paris and support costs of CRIN.

Contributions for the next issue

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The closing date will be the end of **April 1995**

Please also send your comments on this issue and your ideas about how we should develop this newsletter.

How to become a member of CRIN

CRIN is open to non-governmental organisations, inter-governmental organisations, academic or educational institutions and individuals. Members must:

- **be involved in child rights activities eg field-based work, advocacy, research, information activities or networking.**
- **be committed to the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.**
- **be committed to sharing information**

Membership is currently free and if you wish to become a member all you need to do is complete the form on the backpage and return to the Coordinator.

Current participants of CRIN and available *e-mail addresses*

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CHILD RIGHTS INFORMATION NETWORK

Membership Form

(Please write or type in black as clearly as possible)

Name of organisation or individual: .....

Type of organisation .....
(NGO, UN agency, Educational or Academic Institute, Individual)

Name of CRIN contact: .....

Address: .....
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Tel: ..... Fax: .....

Email: ..... Languages .....

Information needs of your organisation: .....
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Possible contributions which your organisation could make to the network eg access to databases, expertise advice, funding: .....
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Statement of commitment
As a member of the network we/I am committed to share information with other network members in accordance our/my own policies and guidelines.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Please return to:
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CRIN Newsletter

CHILD RIGHTS INFORMATION NETWORK

What is CRIN?

CRIN is a newly formed global network of children's rights organisations seeking to support the effective exchange of information about children and their rights. It is supported by 11 international organisations, known as the Facilitating Group and the Coordinator of the network is based at Save the Children (UK).

CRIN is open to individuals, non-governmental organisations, UN agencies and educational institutions who are involved in children's rights, committed to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and to sharing information with others. The network has three main aims which it seeks to meet through specific project activities and an information service based at the Coordinating Unit.

The network exists to:

- To support and promote the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- To help to meet the information needs of organisations and individuals working with and for children's rights.
- To support organisations to gather, handle, produce and disseminate child rights information through training, capacity building and the development of electronic and non-electronic networking tools.

If you want to join the network, find out more about CRIN or request information on children's rights issues, please contact the Coordinator, Becky Purbrick, C/O Save the Children, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD, UK Tel +44 171 703 5400
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Editorial

Welcome to the second issue of CRIN's newsletter and thank you to everyone who has promoted CRIN at meetings, conferences and in other newsletters. Now CRIN is beginning to be known as a place to go for information on children's rights organisations and children's rights issues. Demand for the first issue was significant, leading to a second and third print-run and since January over 100 organisations and individuals have requested membership. These are encouraging signs that CRIN can become a truly global network.

With this issue, we hope that we can bring to you more news of useful resources that you can tap into. We are following a similar format to our first issue with some minor changes such as including some graphics - although we have not yet stepped into the world of colour! Feedback from the last issue was very positive but please do not hesitate to send us your ideas on how this newsletter should develop in the future.

So what has been happening since January? One of the most significant changes has been a temporary expansion of the CRIN team from one to two! Louise Schuller, a database and Internet specialist joined CRIN in March. Louise has been working hard to get CRIN's Organisations Database off the ground and developing CRIN's Internet activities, see pages 9 - 11.

The Facilitating Group has begun to meet its commitment to include representation of southern organisations. In March four organisations from India, Cyprus, Kenya and Uruguay joined the Facilitating Group to discuss concrete involvement in CRIN's projects. This is a humble beginning which we hope will lead to new ways of working and sharing information for the benefit of children.

I will stop here and let you read on... but before I go, I would like to thank everyone who completed CRIN's Organisations Questionnaire for our database. Again it is featured in the centre pages of this newsletter. I realise that completing questionnaires is a laborious task but it is vital in developing CRIN's Organisations Database into a rich source of information about children's rights organisations, and your cooperation will be gratefully received.

Kind regards

Becky Purbrick
CRIN Coordinator

Contributions for the next issue.

Please send your contribution for the next issue on any of the following:

An article about your experience of information sharing, successes and challenges.
An article about information resources that you are developing.
News about forthcoming meetings, conferences, workshops.
News about children's rights publications.
News about internet sites, CD Roms and databases relating to children's rights.

The closing date for contributions is the end of **September 1996**

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The Facilitating Group expands into the South

The Facilitating Group oversees the development of the network, representing 11 international organisations. The group meets twice a year, in March and October, to discuss activities and proposals. The group is now joined by 3-4 organisations based in the South.

Stephen Mugambi from the African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect, Sherene Seikaly from the Arab Resource Collective, Rita Panicker from Butterflies and Julio Rosenblatt from the Instituto Interamericano were the first southern-based organisations to join a Facilitating Group meeting. This represented the group's commitment to broaden the outlook of the network and to ensure that it is not dominated by the needs of northern-based organisations.

Before looking at how southern organisations can participate in the network, we discussed some of the obstacles they face. We concluded that there are three general problems:

- there is a lack of data on children in their national situations and an absence of systems to gather and analyze disaggregated data;
- the infrastructure within and between countries to collect, disseminate, communicate and exchange information is not well developed, and this is particularly so of electronic communications; and
- there is an absence of focused training on the use and management of information in general and in particular in children's rights.

Additionally, regions should not be seen as homogenous, there are many differences between and within countries, such as the urban-rural divide. Further, even in "information-rich" countries or areas, there is no guarantee that information will be dynamically and effectively used for decision making.

However, it would be unrealistic to assume that CRIN can address these enormous obstacles which southern and indeed many northern NGOs face. Instead some progress can be made in a focused and incremental way through CRIN's projects. All four participants agreed to become part of CRIN's Organisations Database project (an update is given on page 9). In short, they will be given copies of CRIN's Organisations Database, to manage at the national or regional levels. They will be asked to gather and add information about children's rights organisations working in their region or field of expertise. Not only can this become a rich source of information but we hope that it will encourage a new approach and culture to exchanging information.

All four organisations committed themselves to supporting CRIN's activities in any ways they could, such as promoting the network, translating and distributing this newsletter, providing advice etc. This is a exciting step towards cooperation with Southern organisations but it is not exclusive to the current 4 participants. Collaboration with other organisations is already underway and we hope that these types of activities will expand and grow.

By Becky Purbrick, CRIN Coordinator

The Facilitating Group includes:
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From Pencils to Cyberspace: or sharing a thought or two for the good of all.

When I read through the first edition of the CRIN Newsletter I found a clear set of common objectives expressed throughout and a number of steps in the right direction, but never the final few words that said what is going through my mind at present. The extract of the closing statement of the Paris meeting on page 5 nearly says it, "A call for help!" on page 6 nearly says it, the African group statement on page 7 nearly says it. If I looked again I am sure I would find it nearly said several times over!

We now have the means to work together. Everybody and everywhere. Of course, some of you will quickly say not all of us have e-mail. I imagine that in CRIN we have those of you who have at least a pencil and paper available. Between the pencil and those members who have highly sophisticated computers with home pages deeply embedded in hard disks of almost inconceivably vast capacity, there are faxes and phones. Time and space are no longer a good excuse. Modern communications of one kind or another are rarely that far away. Even handwriting can be faxed. Some of us even see each other now and again.

The author of the page 6 article, who I saw in India recently, is now online. I said "Hello" recently. She has certainly gone forward from some of the things she said in her article. But one thing is still missing.

It is time for me to stop beating about the bush. What I am suggesting is that now we have CRIN and quite clearly since the 1992 meeting up until now, a lot of things have moved fast. Well let's make it go faster. Whatever resources we have, let us begin doing things together. Two, three or more people can begin writing together.

What we can put together may be expressions of solidarity, perhaps even discussions about how we take CRIN forward, our technology or anything else that is relevant. We can also have debates, even full blown arguments. One thing binds us: Article 3 of the CRC -"the best interests of the child". It also does not matter whether we love or hate the CRC, even that can be discussed, debated and generally well aired. So! Perhaps this should be seen as a challenge. I've challenged all of you, now let's see you respond. Those of us who are on line have no excuse, but we must not exclude those who are not. So, who is going to take up the challenge?

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We want to encourage members of the network to discuss issues concerning information sharing on children's rights, what are the main challenges and how have different organisations and individuals approached different problems. Issues can range from gathering information, to use of databases, electronic communications, the Internet, etc.

Please send your articles and comments to Becky Purbrick, CRIN Coordinator

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Profiles of CRIN Members

In each issue we profile 4 CRIN members, so that we can begin to get to know each others aims, objectives, programmes and information resources.

AMAL, Friends of Children Society, Sudan

AMAL is a Sudanese non-profit humanitarian organisation founded in 1984 by a number of university professors, social workers and students concerned about the effects of drought, famine and civil war on children. The society sought to assist needy children deprived of family care. AMAL's current strategy focuses on community services and development in Khartoum, including 4 social centres, an Ombudsman prison project and a training, education, research and documentation unit.

The Centres offer basic education, kindergarten services, apprenticeship opportunities, literacy classes and income generation activities for women, community health services, and cultural clubs for boys and girls. Originally, the ombudsman prison project was initiated by Rädda Barnen and implemented by a number of indigenous NGOs. AMAL is responsible for overall coordination and provision of a legal aid service to women and juvenile prisoners.

AMAL's Resource Centre

The training, education, research and documentation unit (TERDU) was started in 1988 with the primary aim of training social workers involved in the care and rehabilitation of street children. Currently, TERDU aims to initiate, supervise and carry out research on child related topics in Sudan and collect, document and disseminate of information on child related issues. For example, AMAL has completed two major research programmes on juvenile administration and after care in Sudan and child labour in Greater Khartoum.

The promotion of professional knowledge through access to a specialised library on children's issues, community development and social work also has been a key objective of the TERDU. It is used by planners, policy-makers, researchers, students, the media, practitioners and field workers, the public and children. TERDU is developing a bibliographic database about children and motherhood and a statistical database about AMAL's programmes and projects is being created.

Finally, AMAL seeks to become a key player in the establishment of an information network covering the Horn of Africa and they have produced a paper outlining their short, medium and long term goals. Any organisations working in the Horn of Africa and interested in sharing information on child related issues are encouraged to get in contact with AMAL.

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Profile

Concerned for Working Children (CWC), India

Concerned for Working Children based in Bangalore, India and established in 1985 is actively involved in the eradication of child labour. Recognising that total eradication has to be a long term goal, CWC is determined to work at different levels to improve the situation of children who are currently forced to work by the economic and social realities of their lives. At the same time CWC is actively involved in attempts to speed up the processes through which the goal of eradication will ultimately be reached. In keeping with its long and short terms goals, CWC has initiated and been engaged in the following activities.

Field Projects

CWC is working with more than 12,000 working children through its field programmes. In the past five years, over 30,000 working children in Karnataka have benefitted from CWC activities. On a regular basis, Gramashrama (CWC's rural project) involves more than 3,000 working children through field centres located in 48 villages in Kundapur and Udupi Taluks. 75 children also are part of CWC's residential training programme and 5,000 children are covered through a programme with the Government Schools. 150 and 200 children in North Kanara district and Bellary district are included respectively. Ankur (CWC's urban programme) targets 2,000 working children located in 52 divisions of Bangalore city. Through a working relationship with APSA (an NGO), 57 working children are undergoing training through a residential programme in Bangalore.

CWC Resource Centre

CWC has set up a Centre for Applied Research and Documentation (CARD) to generate information about different aspects of child labour. CARD is also involved in creating media resources for working children and raising this issue within the media and public.

The resource centre holds books, research papers, journals and audio-visual materials which can be

used by the public, NGOs, researchers, students and activists. CWC can provide word processed bibliographies on child labour and papers for presentations.

CWC is also the Asian regional support for the International Working Group on Child Labour (IWGCL) which has been jointly set up by the International Society for Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) and Defence for Children International (DCI), and is based in DCI-Netherlands.

Concerned for Working Children hope to become involved in CRIN's Organisations Database, being responsible for gathering information about children's rights organisations working in India.

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Foundation for the Protection of Infancy Damaged by States of Emergency (PIDEE), Chile

PIDEE is a non-governmental organisation working for the defence and protection of children's rights. Since 1979 it has focused on protecting children and adolescents affected by the acts of repression suffered in Chile from 1973 onwards. The needs of the children and adolescents are manifest in the new situtation in Chile following the transition to democracy. PIDEE aims to make the whole community aware of what happened to children during the repression and what is happening now. It seeks to ensure that the defence of children's rights is supported by the community. Since its creation PIDEE has assisted approximately 7,600 young people.

PIDEE concentrates in two areas:
- psychological and social assistance
- documentation centre on infancy in Latin America

Psychological and social assistance to children and young people at risk
Assistance is carried out through three programmes:

- **Reception programme:** The situation of families as a whole is assessed and a support plan is designed. Assistance is either provided in one of PIDEE's units or families are referred to other existing units.
- **Programme of preventive assistance:** Specific workshops are used to collectively address the participants' experiences and problems, focusing mainly on family relationships and the use of the community's resources.
- **Programme of curative assistance:** Assistance based on assessments carried out by the reception programme is provided at three different Treatment Units. These are: 1. mental health treatment unit; 2. social service and school scholarships unit; and 3. workshops unit.

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Documentation Centre "Infancy in Latin America": CEDIAL

CEDIAL is responsible for recording, classifying and storing information regarding the situation of children's rights in Chile and Latin America. The main activities are:
- Development of a permanent resource, including bibliographical, documentary and press information on infancy in Latin America.
- Provision of an information service on topics related to children's rights.
- Promotion of inter-institutional relations of cooperation with documentation centres in Chile and Latin America.
- Provision of technical assistance to organisations that need to set up their own documentation centre.
- Publication of bibliographical bulletin "Infancy in Latin America" and "News on Infancy in Chile and Latin America"
- Broadcast of a weekly radio programme "Children's Rights, Dreams and Realities".

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Save the Children, UK

Web site
http://www.oneworld.org/scf/

Save the Children founded in 1919 by Eglantyne Jebb is an international organisation working to achieve lasting benefits for children within the communities in which they live. Eglantyne Jebb drafted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child which forms the basis of SCF's work. This declaration has now evolved to become the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

SCF works in over 50 countries worldwide including the UK. Its main activities cover children's rights, child-focused development, emergencies, family environment and alternative care, basic health and welfare and education. Its main target groups include children from 0-18, families, women, communities, partner NGOs and governments.

Save the Children's Information Collections

There are three information centres at the headquarters of Save the Children, all with a different focus and target groups.

The Overseas Resource Centre: This centre contains over 10,000 documents covering development, social issues, country-focused material, internal SCF reports and materials produced by other NGOs, governments and academic institutions. The resource centre is used by SCF staff and partners, researchers, other NGOs and is open to members of the public by appointment. The resource centre documents are recorded on a database and lists of materials and literature searches can be obtained on request. *The Overseas Information section also produces individual country reports and emergency updates outlining SCF's programmes and activities and copies can be sent on request.*

The UK and European Information Section: This centre maintains information on the SCF's work in this region including publications, information sheets, project directories, manual and computerised information on projects, key contacts in the voluntary sector and press and journal cuttings. It is used by SCF staff and others.

SCF Databases
SCF maintains a number of databases which are all searchable upon request:
- Bibliographical database of the materials held in the Overseas Resource Centre,
- Bibliographical database of Overseas internal documentation such as project reports, policy papers and research reports.
- Bibliographical database of materials held in the UK and European information section
- Projects database of the UK and European Programme.

Other resource centres
A number of SCF regional offices in Africa, Asia and Latin America also maintain comprehensive resource and documentation centres which are open to SCF staff, other NGOs, researchers and the public. For more information contact Overseas Information.

SCF on the Internet
SCF's Homepage on the World Wide Web is one place where you can find out more about Save the Children, its work on children's rights, press releases, and news about publications. The URL is: http://www.oneworld.org/scf/

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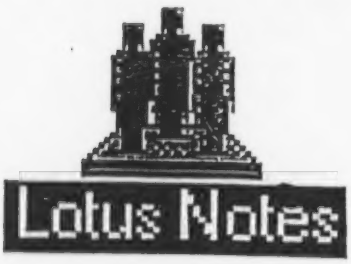
CRIN's Organisations Database: Project Update



Last October (1995) the Facilitating Group agreed that CRIN's Organisations Database should be developed using Lotus Notes software. At the beginning of March (1996) CRIN installed a copy of Lotus Notes on a PC at it's London office and I was hired as CRIN's database specialist. A format based directly on the paper questionnaire distributed by CRIN had already been developed by UNICEF's information department in Geneva. We used this format as a starting point for development.

Designing the Organisations Database: Cooperation and sharing information.

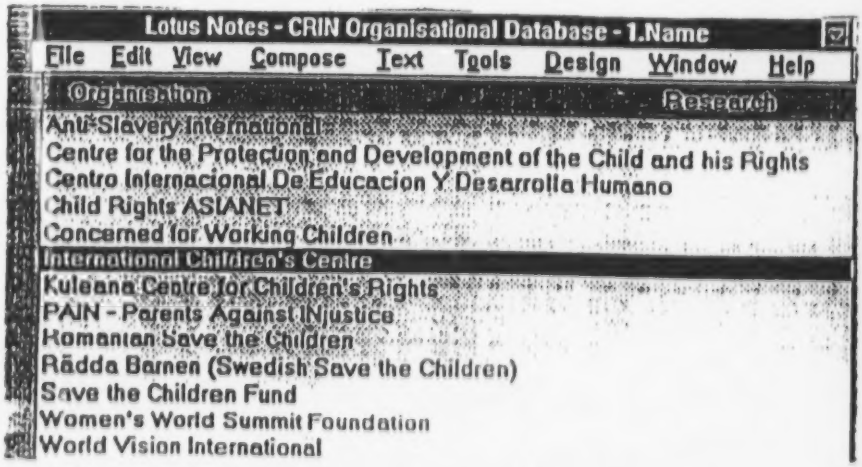
Through out the design stage, work on the organisations database was directly informed by CRIN's commitment to an informal and non-hierarchical approach to information sharing.

- CRIN members should be able to contribute to the richness and quality of information held in the database. Adding and editing documents should be straightforward and uncomplicated.
- CRIN members should be able to use the database as an information resource. Searching for and extracting information from the database should be a quick and simple process.

Development began with work on the design features associated with editing the database. It has been designed to make data entry as simple and as consistent as possible. Features include an online international telephone code book, an online version of the organisations database help manual and check boxes listing key words that can be entered with the click of a mouse. Buttons incorporated into documents also automate many of the processes associated with creating and editing documents.

The next stage of development focused on browsing and searching the database. There are two alternative ways of searching for information. Lists of organisations and their resources can be browsed using "Views". A number of different views have been developed, including views showing lists of organisations sorted by region, by target groups and by keywords associated with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Information in the database can also be searched using single or combined search terms. The International Child Development Centre, UNICEF has produced a thesaurus on the Convention which has been used to classify and search for publications and research programmes in the database.


Lotus Notes - CRIN Organisational Database - 1.Name
File Edit View Compose Text Tools Design Window Help
Organisation
Research
Anti-Slavery International
Centre for the Protection and Development of the Child and his Rights
Centro Internacional De Educacion Y Desarrolla Humano
Child Rights ASIANET
Concerned for Working Children
International Children's Centre
Kuleana Centre for Children's Rights
PAIN - Parents Against INjustice
Romanian Save the Children
Rädda Barnen (Swedish Save the Children)
Save the Children Fund
Women's World Summit Foundation
World Vision International

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Publications and research reports - Full text documents

It soon became apparent that loading information from word processing and desktop publishing files into Lotus Notes was an extremely easy and efficient process. So now, the full text of publications and research reports produced by organisations can be added to the database.

Equality of Access - An organisations directory

CRIN members with access to a PC, Lotus Notes software and a modem will be able to obtain information from the organisations database easily and quickly. However CRIN is committed to providing quality and up-to-date information to all it's members. CRIN recognises that their will be many members who will not have the appropriate technology to enable them to access the electronic version of the organisations database. The database formats have therefore been developed so that a hard copy directory can be produced once the electronic version has been tested and is available to CRIN members.

The initial design stage of CRIN's organisations database is now complete. Database formats are now ready for testing with a pilot group of CRIN members and for publishing on the internet via CRIN's homepage.

CRIN's Questionnaire

Once again we have included CRIN's questionnaire in the centre pages of this issue. The information will be used as the primary data for the database, *please complete the questionnaire to ensure that this database becomes a rich source of information on children's rights.*

By Louise Schuller,
CRIN Database Specialist

Lotus Notes and CRIN

The decision to use Lotus Notes software for CRIN's organisations database was agreed by the Facilitating Group in October 1995. CRIN aims to be a network of equals, with an informal, non-bureaucratic and participative approach to sharing information. Lotus Notes software was chosen because it has a combination of features which directly supports this approach to information sharing.

We were concerned to ensure compatibility with other databases managed by CRIN members. For example, the UN Centre for Human Rights and UNICEF has already established a full text database using Lotus Notes, the International Social Services (also a CRIN member) is developing an adoption database using Lotus Notes, and Rädda Barnen is in the process of converting its bibliographical database to Lotus Notes.

What is Lotus Notes?

- Lotus Notes stores information in full text document databases.
- Lotus Notes supports the decentralised updating of databases (known as replication).
- Lotus Notes has tools that allow information stored in it's database to be directly integrated with information on the World Wide Web.

Lotus Notes databases:

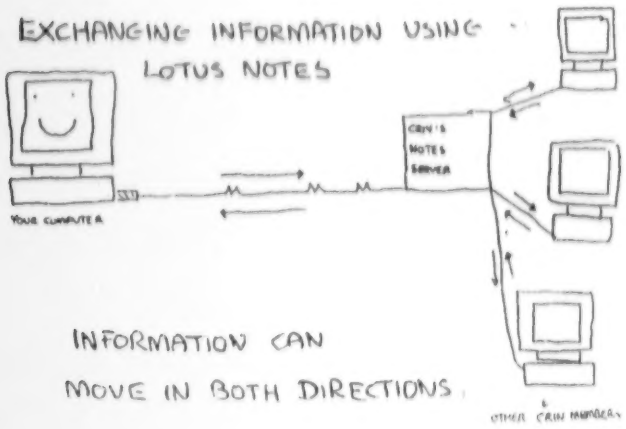
- Can handle unstructured information.
- Provide powerful full text search tools.
- Run in windows, with a "what you see is what you get" interface.
- Let you set up different formats for editing, viewing and printing.
- Have word processing type editing tools, so it's easy to change the appearance and contents of database documents.
- Allow you to set up multiple ways of viewing the database including your own private customised views.
- Easily incorporate information from word processing and desktop publishing files.

Decentralised Update

It is important that CRIN members see the database as their tool, to be jointly owned and managed by them. Once members have access to the database it is hoped that adding new documents and updating could be decentralised, with members taking responsibility for the quantity and quality of information in the database.

Lotus notes provides a cheap and efficient way of supporting this approach to database management. A key feature of Lotus Notes is its emphasis on

helping people in different locations share information with each other. Lotus Notes uses a *client/server* set up and the telephone network to link computers (clients) based in different places to a central more powerful computer (server).



CRIN's server holds the master copy of the database. CRIN members can use copies of the database stored on their hard disk for searching, adding and changing information. Periodically they can phone up the CRIN server via a modem and pass on any changes they have made to the master copy and at the same time download any changes that other members may have made to the master copy. Although a definitive copy of the database is kept on the central server, changes to information contained in the database can be made by the members and every one will be directly involved in developing and maintaining the database.

The Internet

CRIN is developing a project focusing on the Internet, using Lotus Notes has allowed us to develop a direct hands on approach to the Internet. As well as providing excellent database facilities Lotus Notes has additional features that allow information stored in it's databases to be directly integrated with information on the World Wide Web.

By Louise Schuller,
CRIN Database Specialist

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Internet: Project Update

The use of tools such as email, electronic conferences, gophers, online databases, the World Wide Web etc has and continues to grow. Last year we undertook a small survey of CRIN members to draw out their experience. Not surprisingly, we found that many organisations use email but the other tools are still not fully utilised because of their prohibitive costs, inexperience of users, absence of local technical support, inadequate training or poorly developed infrastructure. Additionally, new Internet sites, software packages etc are constantly being introduced and upgraded, making it difficult for organisations and individuals to keep abreast of new developments.

We intend to build up and share our own experience and expertise through different Internet activities. For example, in collaboration with UNICEF we have designed CRIN's home page on the World Wide Web which will be accessible by the end of August. We will be very happy to help CRIN members to design their own home pages. We intend to use this experience to develop appropriate services for other CRIN members, for example, organisations without Internet access may still want to publish on the Internet and we might be able to help.

We also hope to use this newsletter as a tool for introducing you to new technologies and as a forum for debate on how these technologies can be used in our daily working environments.

If you have a particular experience that you would like to share with others, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Becky Purbrick, CRIN Coordinator

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Project Update on CRIN's Training activities will be featured in the next issue of this newsletter.

Activities of CRIN Members

Children's House in Cyberspace

web site: http://childhouse.uio.no

The mission statement

■ The Children's House is an interactive resource centre on the Internet — a meeting place for the exchange of information that serves the well-being of children.

■Dedicated to supporting the generation and dissemination of knowledge about children's issues, the Children's House facilitates the translation of the benefits of research and programming into policy and practice.

■ The most important criteria for placing information in the Children's House will be the needs and concerns of children. Any specific institutional interests or promotion are generally more appropriately placed within individual web sites.

15 representatives of organisations and institutions developed this statement in March 1996. The group, now known as the "House Committee", met at the invitation of Childwatch International to discuss the development of the Children's House.

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How can organisations use the Children's House?

If you have access to the World Wide Web you can explore the Children's House. The House is divided into separate "floors", each holding different types of information. Simply by "pointing and clicking your mouse" you can enter and explore a particular floor. Each House Committee member is responsible for managing different "floors", see below. At the moment the floors include: research, NGOs, early childhood development, children's rights, information and databases, conferences (past and present) and training. Each floor will contain links to other sites on the Internet.

As an interactive meeting place

What makes the Children's House more than an ordinary web site for gathering information, is the focus on interactivity. In a simple and user friendly way, the Children's House helps you to get familiar with some of the interactive opportunities of the Internet.

By opening a workshop on a child related topic, you can quite easily use Children's House as a true virtual meeting place where you can post your own comments, questions or ideas and others can respond to you. A workshop can be open to a large number of people, or you can restrict participation to a small and specific group. Each member of the group has access through a password.

Creating a workshop is easily done by filling in a simple form online. When the workshop is accepted you will receive an email with detailed instructions on how you can manage the workshop from your own computer. Being a workshop moderator (manager) is not very technically demanding, and can be easily done by most users.

The House Committee

Each member has a specific responsibility:

■ Chair of the House Committee; Sven Winberg, Rädda Barnen/International Save the Children Alliance

■ Co-Chair of the House Committee; Tom Hanna, Family Life Development Centre, Cornell University

■NetMaster and Research Floor Moderator; Anne Kielland, Childwatch International

■ NGO Floor Moderator; Per-Erik Astrøm, Rädda Barnen

■ Early Childhood Floor Moderator; Ellen Ilfeld,

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Child Rights Information Network: Organisations Questionnaire

(Please write in black and as clearly as possible)

About your organisation

1. Name of organisation: .....

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2. Acronym: ..... 3. Date of establishment: .....

4. Postal address: .....

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Country: .....

5. Telephone (with country and area codes): .....

6. Fax (with country and areas codes): .....

7 Email address: .....

8. Name of director: .....

9. Name of the contact person (s) for CRIN .....

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10. Number of staff ..... 11. Average annual income: .....

Your aims and programmes

12. Aims and programmes (please provide a short description of the aims of your organisation, your programmes and their intended impact.) .....

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13. Please list your **main** areas of work with children eg. primary education, adoption, juvenile justice.

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14. Type of organisation (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Type of organisation	National	Regional	International
Non-governmental			
UN/Multilateral			
Grassroots Community Based Organisation			
Academic			

15. Please indicate your **main** target audiences or intended beneficiaries of your programmes (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Children (0-4)		Women		Governments		Media	
Children (5 -15)		Families		UN Agencies		General public	
Children (16-18)		Communities		NGOs		Commerce	

16. Please indicate your geographical focus of work (please tick the appropriate boxes)

North Africa		North America		Western Europe		South Asia	
West Africa		South America		Eastern Europe		South East Asia	
East and Central Africa		Central America		Former Soviet Union		Central Asia	
Southern Africa		Caribbean		Middle East		Pacific	

Please indicate if you only work in one country, and name that country .....
Please indicate if your work is global .....

17. Please indicate your **main** approaches or methods of working (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Approach	Funding	Operational	Partnership
Service provision			
Hands on technical support			
Training and advice services			
Advocacy			
Research and information			

18. Please list any key research programmes you have undertaken which relate to children.

Title of Research programme Title of research report Researcher's name Date

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19. Please provide details of any publications your organisation produces that you think may be of interest to CRIN's membership. Use this section to tell us about your annual report, newsletter, periodicals and books.

Title of publication Author of publication Date

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About your information resources or documentation centre

The questions below relate to your information resources. If you do not have an organised information collection you do not need to complete these questions. Please go to question 26.

20. Please provide a brief description of your documentation centre, resource centre, library or information collection. (Please include purpose of your centre, main users, subject and specialist collections, size and services) .....

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21. Please indicate the **main** subject areas of your information collection, according to the articles in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please only tick the appropriate boxes.

General principles:

Definition of the child ☐ Non discrimination ☐ Best interests of the child ☐ Implementation of the Convention ☐ Right to life ☐ Existing standards ☐

Civil rights and freedoms

Name & nationality ☐ Preservation of identity ☐ Freedom of expression ☐ Freedom of association ☐ Protection from cruelty ☐ Protection of privacy ☐ Protection from libel & slander ☐ Access to appropriate information ☐ Protection from injurous information ☐ Standard of living (rights) ☐ Children of minority & indigenous peoples ☐

Family environment and alternative care

Parental guidance ☐ Extended families & child development ☐ Children separated from their parents ☐ Family reunification ☐ Illicit transfer & non return ☐ Parental responsibilities ☐ Child care services ☐ Child abuse & neglect ☐ Alternative care ☐ Institutional care ☐ Adoption & intercountry adoption ☐ Placement evaluations ☐ Children & social security ☐ Standards of living (provision) ☐ Street children ☐

Basic health and welfare

Disabled children ☐ Disease control ☐ Family planning ☐ Harmful traditional practices ☐ Health services ☐ Health & hygiene education ☐ Infant & child mortality ☐ Mother & child health ☐ Nutrition & malnutrition ☐ Pollution & the environment ☐ Preventative health care ☐ Primary health care ☐ Water & sanitation ☐ Rehabilitative treatment & care ☐

Education, leisure and cultural activities

Compulsory education ☐ Free education ☐ Higher education ☐ Illiteracy & literacy ☐ Primary education ☐ School discipline ☐ School attendance & dropout rates ☐ Secondary education ☐ Vocational guidance ☐ Aims of education ☐ Play & leisure ☐ Cultural life ☐

Special protection measures

Refugee children ☐ Refugee protection ☐ Refugee law ☐ Family tracing & unaccompanied children ☐ Humanitarian aid ☐ Children in armed conflict ☐ Child soldiers ☐ Humanitarian law ☐ Civilian protection in war ☐ Landmines ☐

Legal

Capital punishment ☐ Detention & imprisonment ☐ Torture cruel treatment & punishment ☐ Alternatives to judicial proceedings & imprisonment ☐ Charging children ☐Convicted children ☐ Children & judicial bodies ☐ Juvenile offenders ☐

Legal assistance for children ☐ Trials & hearings involving children ☐ Minimum age & legal rights ☐

Exploitation
Child labour ☐ Slavery & bonded labour ☐ Drug abuse & drug protection ☐ Sexual exploitation & abuse ☐ Child pornography ☐ Child prostitution ☐ Sale trafficking & abduction ☐ Other forms of exploitation ☐

Implementation of the CRC
Monitoring ☐ Ombudswork ☐ National Coalition ☐ Legislative reform ☐ Advocacy ☐
Other .....:

22. What types of documents do you hold in your documentation centre? (Please tick the appropriate boxes)

UN		Legal		Country-Specific		Policy-related	
Governmental		Statistical		Global		Press-related	
Academic		Case Study		Project-related		Public education	

23. What language(s) does your collection include?: .....

24. Please provide a brief description of the databases that you have developed eg. bibliographical on child labour, full text or education, projects, etc. .....
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25. Are any of your databases available on CD-ROM, on-line or on the internet, if so please provide brief details of how to access them. (eg the Children's House http://childhouse.uio.no/)
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26. Do you give permission for this information to be published in a directory? Yes ☐ No ☐

27. Is your organisation willing and able to respond to information requests from other organisations? Yes ☐ No ☐

26. What information services can you provide eg literature searches, accession lists etc? .....
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26. Completed by ..... Date: .....

Please return as soon as possible to the address below. Please include any relevant supporting materials and documentation eg annual report, research reports etc.

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"Not another new organisation concerned about the welfare of children!," may well be your reaction as you realise you have not heard of Childnet International before. But don't panic, Childnet has a very specific mission and is intent on working with existing children's welfare organisations internationally.

Childnet was formed last year to "promote (and protect) the interests of children in international communications". Our concern is that the Internet, growth of broad band networks, and the convergence of PC and TV technologies offer great opportunities not just for commerce but also for the educational and social development of children. CRIN members have rightly encouraged the use of the Internet to exchange information - for example the excellent Children's House site.

Childnet International

Promoting the interests of Children in International Communications

But current communications systems have been designed with little thought for children themselves. While seeming like an electronic playground, they are adult creations with traps for the unwary. Children have already been hurt, (eg being trapped into meeting abusing adults, seeing explicit pornographic material) but the systems' international nature makes protective measures difficult.

Working at an international corporate and government level Childnet will seek to ensure that children are protected from harm in current and future communications systems, and that the potential positive benefits for children are realised.

(Please note, we are not connected with the Canadian based organisation called Global Childnet concerned with children's health issues.)

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Scope of Activities

■ Research - examining the potential impact, both positive and negative, of new communications methods on children, in particular their social and educational development.

■ Positive projects - illustrating the potential benefits of international communications for children at home, at school and in society.

■ Promoting good practice - voicing a concern for children to the international computer and communications industry.

■ Educating and informing - governments, international agencies, educational bodies, parent groups and the media about how children's interests can be promoted and protected.

The major current projects are:

■ UK/USA Legislators Video-Conference - On 10 July four MPs and Peers from the British Parliament held a satellite video conference with three US Senators and Congressmen to discuss "Child Safety on the Internet". A summary of the conclusions is available on Childnet's Web site http://www. childnet.mdx.ac.uk/childnet.

■ Research into Blocking Software - many claims have been made that the problems of pornography (and racist and fascist n aterial) on the Internet will be solved by new software which will allow parents and others to prevent children accessing undesirable content. Childnet is proposing a research study, jointly with Middlesex University, to independently evaluate blocking software so that effective advice can be given to parents and computer users.

■ Directory of Positive Projects - Childnet is establishing a database of all reputable projects seeking to link children from different countries together using the Internet. This will be accessible via the Internet.

What Childnet International can do to help CRIN members

We want to offer the information coming out of our projects (like those above) to all child welfare groups. We can offer advice on how good policies and practices can be developed by governments, educational institutions, parents and child welfare groups so that children can enjoy child safe access to the Internet.

Information and feedback from CRIN members

Childnet would very much welcome feedback on our approach and proposed activities. We are keeping a log of instances of children being hurt because of the Internet (eg cases where paedophilia has been exchanged by the Internet; child abduction etc) - please send us any information. Please also send any examples of positive projects for the directory.

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By Nigel Williams, Childnet International

Activities of CRIN Members continued

World Organisation Against Torture - SOS Torture

(Organisation Mondiale contre la Torture, OMCT), Geneva

OMCT is the largest international coalition of NGOs fighting against torture and other forms of inhuman treatment. It is a network of almost 200 full time member organisations. It has consultative status with UN International Labour Organisation and the African Commission on Human and People Rights.

Why a Programme for Children?

The torture of children is a subject that invites disbelief - few people can accept it exists. Torture, and its related abuses are traditionally suffered by the trade unionist and the political activist.

At its general assembly in 1992, the members of the network faced by worrying evidence called for an investigation into the level of this abuse of

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children. Four years of work clearly show that the torture of children is widespread and far more common than was believed.

The Programme centres on: immediate intervention in individual cases; country reports for change; international conferences; and lobbying at all levels for change.

The immediate intervention on appeals for children draw on the unique strengths of the appeals programme of OMCT. Members of the network, approved by a strict selection process, are known to be serious, credible and active. Human rights violations documented or guaranteed by them are immediately transmitted to the HQ.

If immediate action is not taken children run the greatest risk of torture, threat of disappearance, summary execution and other forms of ill-treatment in the first hours after their arrest or detention. Each case is documented where and when it happens, so vital hours can be saved. Urgent appeals are distributed in less than 24 hours.

Urgent information on child torture is transmitted to bodies identified as being able to take effective action. These are intergovernmental bodies, regional organisations, diplomatic missions, government committees, specialised institutions, as well as the other NGO members of the network. These are chosen for their ability to intervene rapidly and number around 1000.

Use of the Internet
Today the number of organisations involved in human rights and receiving the urgent appeals through the internet is many tens of thousands. OMCT has a demonstrable record of success. At least one fifth of the cases of OMCT network have been positively resolved.

Country Reports and the CRC
OMCT works very closely with the Committee on the Rights of the Child. OMCT country reports are designed to bring about change at the national level. By underlining contradictions in government reports to the Committee and examining the wider issues of deficiencies in legislation, juvenile justice system and highlighting urgent cases, the reports present concrete recommendations for change.

Discussion Papers
OMCT has recently published a number of discussion papers on the subject of grave violations of the rights of the child and international instruments. These are available from the International Secretariat. OMCT would welcome feedback on our appeals, reports or any other aspect of its work.

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UNCHR's Full Text Database on Children's Rights: Update

The UN Centre for Human Rights is working on a World Wide Web site devoted to human rights activities. The full text database on children's rights developed by the Centre will be published on this site, possibly by Autumn 1996. This database is divided into two parts: a. A document database of the full text of documents relating to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, such as State Party reports and b. Facts sheet database including information about signatories, ratification, declarations and reservations.

In June of this year, members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child received copies of the database. The Centre is now gathering feedback from the Committee members and UNICEF on the quality and structure of the database. Once all necessary changes have been made, distribution of the database (which operates on Lotus Notes) to CRIN will be considered by the Centre. **We hope that a formal decision will be made in October 1996.**

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Briefing by Anti-Slavery International on Proposals for a New ILO Convention on Child Labour

Ministers from countries all around the world attending the International Labour Conference in Geneva in June 1996 agreed that a new Convention against exploitative forms of child labour should be drafted over the next two years. The proposal to prepare a new convention against "the most abusive and hazardous forms of exploitation" was originally approved by the International Labour Organization's (ILO's) Governing Body in March 1996.

Although a decision to prepare a new convention has been taken in principle, it will be some years before any new international standard is agreed, and possibly much longer before it is ratified by enough states to enter into effect and become binding. First of all the various partners in the ILO —governments, employers' organisations and trade unions — must discuss what the "most abusive and hazardous" forms of child labour are. This is likely to take several years, so it will not be before June 1998 that the International Labour Conference will examine the draft text of a new convention, and not until 1999 that it could be adopted.

This leaves plenty of time for organisations concerned with child rights and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to try and influence the outcome of the discussions and even the very definition of what is "most abusive and hazardous". However, the ILO does not traditionally consult NGOs and the procedures for NGOs to contribute to discussions within the ILO itself or those involving employers' organisations or trade unions are not yet clear. The ILO has, however, indicated that it "collaborates" with Anti-Slavery International and with the NGO Group on the Rights of the Child, a Geneva-based coalition which has a Sub-Group focusing on child labour (with Anti-Slavery International as convener).

As part of the process of preparing a draft the Government of Norway is reported to be planning to convene an international conference on the issue of "most abusive" forms of child labour in the second half of 1997. Similarly, the Government of the Netherlands is reported to be preparing a conference for the first half of 1997, at which policies relating to child labour in both countries of the European Union and some developing countries would be reviewed.

In the meantime, **it is important that NGOs exchange any information they receive about the process:** any NGO can seek information from the Minister of Labour in their country about the discussions they attended in Geneva, or from trade union representatives who attended the International Labour Conference. Activists concerned about child labour from all backgrounds have expressed concern that a new ILO convention should not be necessary — as ILO Convention No. 138 defining minimum ages for children to start work was already adopted in 1973, and as Article 32 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child gives a clear message that children should not work in situations in which they may be harmed physically or mentally. However, relatively few countries have ratified ILO Convention No. 138 (even though most have ratified the UN Convention), and it is well known that at least 100 million children in different parts of the world are at work nowadays in circumstances which are incompatible with both the ILO and UN Conventions. Consequently there have been calls for a new standard which would ensure international agreement on what forms of child labour cannot be tolerated anywhere.

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ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC)

IPEC produced a series of press releases during the June 1996 ILO International Conference which summarise the discussions and decisions regarding child labour. ILO also produced a document for ministerial discussions called "Child Labour: What is to be done?" which covers the situation of child labour today, its causes, the working conditions of children, the consequences, action which can be taken at the country and international level. For more information or copies of the press releases or report, please contact:

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7. ILO convention 138 concerning the minimum age for admission to employment

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Convention on the Rights of the Child: Background, motivation, strategies, main themes, 1996

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United States: Children in Confinement in Louisana?

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For copies at US $ 10 from:
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Other Publications

Enfants sans enfance (Children without childhood)
by Paulo David, Hatchette, Paris, 1995.

This book argues that the human rights approach is applicable to this most vulnerable sector of the population.

Available in French from
Hachette Livre SA
43 quai de Grenelle
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Home Planet
One World Media, 1996

This paper focuses on the issues of the Habitat II conference in Istanbul produced by 30 young reporters.

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The Internet - the Internet is made up of millions computers scattered across the world interconnected in a global network. Computers connected to the internet can exchange e-mail and browse and download information stored on computers through out the world.

World Wide Web - is not the Internet. It is a part of the Internet that is accessed using special software known as web browsers. Using a web browser you can then view "web" pages which often are made up of pictures, film and music as well as text.

Internet Sites on Child Labour and Street Children

In each issue we will highlight some resources on the World Wide Web on particular themes. Please note that these are not exhaustive lists, but selective. Please contact us if you come across useful Web sites. We will suggest that the most useful sites are linked to the Children's House for easy access.

CHILD LABOUR

CAFOD
http://www.oneworld.org/cafod/child-fs.htm
Cafod's web pages include a child labour fact sheet.

International Labour Organisation
http://gatekeeper.unicc.org/ilo/
Includes a child labour press release, a press kit on child labour and 1995 committee document on child labour.

Human Rights Interactive Network
http://www.webcom.com/hrin
A Canadian based NGO, their Web pages are under construction but promise a database and lots of publications. It currently carries an article on child labour.

Child servitude and the global economy - http://www.webcom.com/hrin/april96/childwrk.htm

UNICEF India
http://www.doc.ernet.in/~Unicefd
Unicef India's home page, gives a lot of useful info about UNICEF's work in India.
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http://www.doc.ernet.in/~unicefd/v30.htm - carpets without child labour press release

STREET CHILDREN

Casa Alinaza - Convenant House Latin America
http://www.magi.com/crica/casalnza.html
An important resource on street children in South America including pages on Street children an overview; street children and Aids; advocacy and human rights; resource catalogue; multinationals; glue and street children; and a forum for topics of the month.

Columbia Support Network
http://www.peacenet.org/csn/reports.html
Carries a human rights section with links to Human Rights Watch reports on Children's rights in Columbia, torture and street children.

Street children's resource at Pangaea
http://www.tc.umn.edu/nlhome/MO27/bonzi/kids/kids.htm
Large international resource on street children, including press articles on street children, US congressional records focusing on street children.

WHO
http://www.who.ch/programmes/psa/29stre.htm
Street children and drugs. A summary of the report issued by the WHO programme on substance abuse: "A one way street?", documenting the results of phase 1 of WHO's street children project.

For those of you who are new to the World Wide Web, each web page has a particular location, known as a URL. All URLs begin with http://. Using a web browser (a special software package), a computer, telecommunications network, Internet connection and a URL you can search the World Wide Web.

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The World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
Stockholm, Sweden, 27th - 31st August

"Each year, more than 1 million children worldwide are reportedly forced into child prostitution, trafficked and sold for sexual purposes or used in child pornography. Coerced or lured into the world's sex market - a multi-million dollar industry - children are denied their rights, their dginity and their childhood. Commercial sexual exploitation subjects children to one of the most hazardous forms of child labour, endangers their mental and physical health and undermines all aspects of their development"

Background Document, UNICEF, ECPAT,
NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children is co-sponsored by the Swedish Government, UNICEF, ECPAT (End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism) and the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child and will bring together political leaders, government representatives, UN agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, law enforcement agencies, academics, health professionals, representatives from the tourism trade and the media.

The Congress will be focusing on developing strategies and campaigns to combat the sexual exploitation of children, to create awareness and to draw international attention to this growing and global issue. The Congress will be considering a draft Declaration and Agenda for Action.

Nine themes will be discussed, covering the major forms of child prostitution, trafficking and child pornography. For each theme a paper has been prepared and distributed to the 1000 delegates. Below is a list of the Congress papers:

"Prevention and psychosocial rehabilitation of child victims of commercial sexual exploitation" prepared by the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child
"Tourism and children in prostitution" prepared by ECPAT
"Child pornography: An international perspective" prepared by ECPAT
"The sex exploiter" prepared by ECPAT
"Social values and commercial sexual exploitation of children" prepared by ECPAT
"International legal framework and current national legislative and enforcement responses" prepared by ECPAT
"Education: a force for change" prepared by UNICEF
"The role of the media" prepared by UNICEF (working title)
"Commercial sexual exploitation of children: The health and psychosocial dimensions" prepared by the World Health Organisations.

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Information on the Internet

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Publications for the Congress

Kids for hire: a child's right to protection from commerical sexual exploitation
Save the Children (UK), Publications Sales
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The commercial sexual exploitation of street children
World Vision,
599 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3PG, UK

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Ending legal violence to children by the year 2000
Dublin, Ireland, 22nd August 1996

A one-day international seminar on worldwide strategies and progress towards ending all physical punishment of children.

Cost of participation £20.00, please contact:
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IX World Congress on Family Law
Panama, Republic of Panama, 22nd - 27th September

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International Forum for Child Welfare World Forum; Today's Children, Tomorrow's Destiny
Montreal, Canada, 23rd - 27th September

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International Conference on Street Children: Empowering Street Children
Yogyakarta, Indonesia 10-11th September 1996

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Empowering Women and their Children: Key to ending poverty
Geneva, Switzerland, 10th September 1996

The first post-Beijing Geneva Summit convened by the Women's World Summit Foundation - an international coalition for the future of children.

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Upcoming Meetings of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva, Switzerland

13th Session, 23rd September - 11th October 1996
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4th Asian Conference on Child Exploitation and Abuse: Asserting the Rights of Street and Working Children - A Challenge for Adult Society
25-27 November 1996

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Children - War and Persecution - Rebuilding hope
Institute of Psychotraumatology of Mozambique and the University of Hamburg, Mozambique, 1st - 4th December 1996

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Children's Health, Children's Rights: Action for the 21st Century
World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action, Thailand, 2-6 December 1996

The Forum will formulate strategies to improve young child health and nutrition in the 21st Century, respecting the rights of women and children.

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- be committed to sharing information.

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A Correction from Issue No 1

In the first issue the details of The Children's Legal Centre were incorrect, below are the amended details:

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